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SUBJECT: EGYPT'S TERRITORIAL OBJECTIVE

USINTOFF SAW MOHAMED RIAD OF ARAB LEAGUE MORNING OCTOBER 9.

USINTOFF ASKED WHERE EGYPT'S POLITICAL GOAL IN CURRENT HOSTILITIES LAY. MOHAMED SAID THAT ULTIMATE EGYPTIAN PURPOSE WAS TO MOVE EGYPT'S FORCES TO THE INTERNATIONAL BOUNDARIES IN SINAI. HE DID NOT STATE WHETHER THIS OBJECTIVE WAS TO BE CARRIED OUT MILITARILY OR BY POLITICAL ACTION. HE SAID THAT IT SHOULD BE CLEARLY UNDERSTOOD THAT RECOVERY OF EGYPTIAN LANDS IN SINAI WAS EXTENT OF EGYPT'S TERRITORIAL OBJECTIVES. IN REPLY TO QUESTION AS TO WHETHER INTERNATIONAL BOUNDARIES MEANT BOUNDARIES OF PALESTINE MANDATE OR THE LINES PRIOR TO JUNE 5, 1967, RIAD SAID SIMPLY THAT WELL-KNOWN EGYPTIAN POSITION ON GAZA WAS THAT ITS FUTURE SHOULD BE DETERMINED BY ITS INHABITANTS.

2. MOHAMED SAID THAT PRESENT HOSTILITIES HAD BEEN CAUSED BY SEPTEMBER 13 ISRAELI ATTACK ON SYRIA. EGYPT HAD BEEN  
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PREPARING SINCE THAT POINT FOR FURTHER ISRAELI PROVOCATION. HE SAID THAT IT WAS A PITY UN OBSERVERS HAD NOT BEEN STATIONED ALONG RED SEA COAST. THEY WOULD CONFIRM THAT FIRST ATTACKS OF OCTOBER 6 HAD BEEN MADE BY ISRAELI

FORCES AGAINST ZA'FARANA AND SUKHNA.  
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